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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)	
STAGGERING TIME POINTS FOR)	
DEPLOYMENT OF RINGS IN A)	
FIBER OPTIC NETWORK)	
SIMULATION PLAN)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend this application
as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.